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Mrs. Jesse Benton will entertain the Woman's Missionary Society at her home on High street, Thursday afternoon, May 20.

All day sewing at the Church on Wednesday, May 19. Bring your lunch with you; stay all day and for the prayer meeting in the evening.

Every member of Grace Church should attend the classical meetings, which will be held in our Church, May 10 to 13. Come to all of the meetings and bring your friends.

The memorial service will be held at Grace Church this year, Sabbath morning, May 30. We want to make this a great day for the old soldiers and their friends.

On Pentecost, May 23, Grace Church will celebrate its 32d anniversary, and the 27th anniversary of the present pastorate. We want every member of the Church out to the services on that day; to the Sunday School at 9:30; to the morning and evening services, and to the Young Peoples' Meeting at 7:45.

The special offering on Anniversary Day will be for the current expenses of the Church. The Church treasury needs funds. Every member is asked to make a liberal offering on that day. Special envelopes will be furnished for the offering. We ought to have an offering amounting to \$100 or more. To raise this amount we must have some \$5 offerings, many of \$1.00, etc.

Mothers' Day May 9th. This day will be observed by the Churches and by the people in general throughout the entire land. Mothers' Day was made a national day on May 10, 1913, when the House of Representatives, in Washington, passed a resolution recommending the observance of the day by the House and Senate, the President, his

cabinet and all the government officials. The churches will observe the day with special services. Observe the day by wearing the white or red carnation.

How much we owe to mother. She who loved us first, and passed through the valley of of the shadow of death to give us an existence. Cherish her memory whether on earth or in the Homeland on the other side.

"A mother's love—how sweet the name!

What is a mother's love?

A noble, pure and tender flame,

Enkindled from above.

To bless a heart of earthly mold;

The warmest love that can grow cold;
This is a mother's love.

Hundreds of stars in the pretty sky;

Hundreds of shells on the shore together;

Hundreds of birds that go singing by,

Hundreds of bees in the sunny weather.

Hundreds of dew drops to greet the dawn;

Hundreds of lambs in the purple clover;

Hundreds of butterflies out on the lawn,
But only one mother the wide world over.

—George Cooper

The Mysteries.

Once on my mother's breast, a child I crept;

Holding my breath;

Then safe and sad, lay shuddering, and wept,

At the dark mystery of death.

Weary and weak and worn with all unrest;

Spent with the strife—

O, mother, let me weep upon thy breast
At the sad mystery of life!

—William Dean Howells.

RESPONSIVE READING FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.

Hath he said, and will he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and will he not make it good?

Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind.

This is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

Give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thy handmaid.

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.

All thy children shall be taught of Jehovah; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The loving kindness of Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his precepts to do them.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of Jehovah.

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

He was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.

He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Jehovah is good; his lovingkindness endureth for ever, and his faithfulness unto all generations.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory upon their children.

Jehovah our God will we serve, and unto his voice will we harken.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Save, Jehovah: let the King hear us when we call.

Amen.

To You.

Where all the world is throbbing
With the miracle of spring
And the trees are gay with flowers,
And the Gypsy song birds sing,
'Tis your smile that brings the blushes
To the honeysuckle vine;
And your laugh that spurs the songsters,
Oh! mother dear, of mine.

When all the world is winter
And the heart of spring is dead,
From the bleak and gloomy orchard
All fickle songs have fled,
And the laughing flush of summer
Has all vanished from the vine;
'Tis then I lift my arms to you,
Oh, mother dear, of mine.

—Bernice Brown.

HYMN

(Tune, "Bethlehem.")

Ten thousand times ten thousand
In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
Throng up the steeps of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Their fight with death and sin:
Flung open wide the golden gates,
And let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias
Fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps
Bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation
And all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes
A thousandfold repaid!

Oh, then what raptured greetings
On Canaan's happy shore;
What knitting severed friendships up
Where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle,
That brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless,
Nor widows desolate.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph Classes will be held in Grace Church May 11 to 13, 1915. The opening session will be held in Tuesday evening at 7:30. Sermon by the retiring President of Classis, Rev. Cecil E. Albright, Detroit, Mich. Organization of Classis after the sermon. Classical communion service on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Devotional service by Rev. W. W. Foust, Goshen, Ind. Business sessions of classis Wednesday forenoon and afternoon. Wednesday at 2 o'clock, address by Rev. C. H. Brugh, "The Pastor and the Church in Touch With the Needs of the Parish." Business session of Classis Thursday morning and afternoon. Wednesday morning, May 12, at 9 o'clock, the opening session of the Woman's Missionary Society in the lecture rooms of the Church. Mrs. Josephine Z. Diefenbach, Bluffton, Ind., presiding. Business session in the forenoon. Organization, annual reports, etc., Wednesday p. m. Devotional service, Mrs. H. S. Gekeler, Indianapolis, Ind. Election of officers.

2:30—Young People's hour.

1—C. E. societies enlisted in the cause of Missions. Miss Edith Shiffer, Fort Wayne, Ind.

2—Te call of the Young Women of Classis. Miss Florence Tait, Walmer, Bluffton, Ind.

Wednesday evening, public service by the Woman's Missionary Society. Praise service led by Mrs. Abram Simmons, Bluffton, Ind. Recognition service for Front Line Society, conducted by Mrs. Charles Gumper, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Address—Our Work in Japan, Rev. Elmer H. Zaugg, Sendai, Japan. Business sessions on Thursday morning.

We hope our people will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending these meetings. You should attend the day sessions. If it is not possible for you to be at all the meetings during the day, be sure to get out to the services in the evenings. Bring your friends with you. Be an inspiration, and get inspira-

tion. Be a benediction and get a benediction.

CLASSICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, MAY 10 AND 11

PROGRAM

Monday Evening—8:00 O'clock

Hymn
Devotional
Address of Welcome Dr. A. K. Zartman
Music Selected
Address—"Teaching of Missions
in the Sunday School"
Prof. E. O. Sellers
Moody Bible Institute, Chicago
Music Selected
Announcement and Enrollment of
delegates
Hymn
Benediction

Tuesday Morning—8:30 O'clock

Departmental Conferences—
Secondary Division Miss Eloise Snell
Training Work . . . Prof. Sellers

Tuesday Morning—9:30 O'clock

Devotional
Hymn
Address—"The Adolescent Girl,
Her Relation to the
Sunday School"
Miss Snell, Chicago
Music Selected
Address—"Teacher Training Work
in the Sunday School"
Prof. Sellers
Appointment of Committees .

Tuesday Afternoon—1:30 O'clock

Hymn
Address—"The Teen Age Girl
Training for Leader-
ship." . . . Miss Snell
Report from Each Sunday School
Report of Treasurer
Report of Committees
Election of Officers
Adjournment

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Mrs. Waldo is improving every day. We hope she may be able to get out to the services before very long.

The social afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Straub on a recent Thursday was well attended. The women had a very pleasant afternoon together.

Mrs. Esther Kessler entertained the Young People's Society at her home at the last monthly meeting. They had a good attendance and a very interesting meeting.

We are glad that our people have responded so generously in opening their homes for the entertainment of delegates to the Classical meetings. We know that you will enjoy having these friends with you in your homes.

The musical program given by the Missionary Committee of the Christian Endeavor Society at the Church recently was well attended, and was quite an original idea. Why not have such programs oftener? The people will enjoy them, we are sure.

Mrs. Frank Leikauf entertained the Woman's Missionary Society at the last monthly meeting at the Young Women's Christian Association. The women had a very interesting and profitable meeting. About fifty more of the women of Grace Church should be identified with this society. Why not?

Mrs. Weiler and daughter Lottie were at Louisville, Ky., the latter part of March, to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Bierbaum, a sister of Mrs. Weiler. While there they were guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Krite. Dr. Krite sends greetings to the pastor and members of Grace Church. He has had a very successful pastorate in his Church at Louisville. We are always glad to hear from the Doctor and his interesting family.

Miss Nora Miner left on Wednesday, March 24, for Lees Summit, Mo., where on Thursday, the 25th, she became the bride of Mr. Harry C. Ferris. Mr. Ferris is employed as an electrician in the plant of Swift & Co. at St. Joseph, Mo., where they will make their home. Nora was one of our most faithful workers, always interested in all class activities, and we shall feel her absence keenly, but we rejoice with her in her newly found happiness and extend to her our heartiest congratulations and good wishes.

The consistory has decided upon Sunday afternoon, May 23, for the every member canvass. With the assistance of the officers of the various church societies and other helpers, every family in the Church will be visited, for the purpose of securing a definite pledge from every member for the current expenses of the Church, and for benevolence. Get ready for the canvassers. Be at your home on that afternoon. Think the matter over; pray it over; talk it over with God, and then do what the Lord directs you. Give as he has given unto you, remembering that as you give to the Lord so He will give to you in return.

On Tuesday evening, May 18, there will be a meeting of the canvassers at the Church, where assignments will be made and instructions given for the canvass. All who are willing to assist in the canvass are invited to be at that meeting. We are aiming to have every member contribute five cents a week for benevolence. Many can give much more than this amount. We are glad to find so many of our people who feel that we should make a persistent effort to raise the full amount of our apportionment. We have felt for a long time that this could be done if the proper effort was made. All that is wanting is a willingness on the part of the people. Now be ready to do your part, when the canvassers call on you. By the help of God all things are possible. Give and it shall be given to you.

Sunday School Notes.

Another class in the Sunday school has organized, the boys in the class taught by Mr. Williams, at a recent meeting, adopted the name "Excelsior." This is one of the most active classes in the school and one we are all proud of, as in a few years they will be "the men of the Church."

The Progreda class conducted a successful bake sale at the office of the Gas Company on Saturday, May 1st.

At a meeting of the Men's Senior Bible class held last Wednesday evening some plans were made and committees appointed to work toward enlisting all of the men in the class. The membership is now about 35 and the Sunday morning attendance has been very good. It is gratifying to see the men take hold of this work.

A committee of the men of the Church and Sunday School will be appointed to meet with a central committee to work out plans and methods for Civic-Righteousness. The plans of this organization contemplate some big undertakings, in which all of the Christian men of Fort Wayne and all those who want a cleaner and better city spiritually, morally and physically, should take an interest and active part.

Every member of the Sunday School should attend all or as many as possible of the meetings of the Classical Sunday School Convention and classis itself. The Sunday School Convention will convene Monday evening, May 10th, and on Tuesday Professor Sellers of the Moody Bible Institute will be here. Some of us have heard him and are anxious to hear him again. Do not fail to attend these meetings.

If you need anything in the line of kitchen furnishings, go to Bitner's Kitchenware Store, 118½ E. Columbia street.

Marriages at the Parsonage.

Jan. 4. Mr. Frank Cook and Miss Mae Alexander, of Fort Wayne.

Feb. 6. Mr. John O. Gerber and Miss Vera Boren, Hometown, Ind.

March 29. William Klunder and Miss Hazel F. Weaver, of Fort Wayne.

April 27, 1915—James Beach Beckett, Cook Co., Ill., and Miss Florence Mills Macy, Western Springs, Ill.

Miss Helen Trisch will henceforth assist Mrs. Zartman in the primary department, taking charge of one division. Though we are sorry to have her leave us, we are glad that our Superintendent and Pastor can look to the Progreda Class for assistance in this direction and give us an opportunity to in one way at least carry out the aims of our organization.

Gold is so cheap in heaven that they even pave the streets with it.

You don't need to antagonize the gospel of Jesus Christ to be lost; all you need to do is to neglect salvation.

Good Lord, deliver me from the "oners."

Your sins are not so much sins of commission as the sins of omission.

Why don't you apply the same common sense to religion as you do to business?

If the devil can't get a man any other way he packs him over with engagements.

If you are saved it will not be through force; it will be through willingness.

If you want some one to do you a good job of wall paper or carpet cleaning call Mr. Thoney, 732 Wallace street. Phone Black 6462. He is an expert and if you have him once, you will have him again.

C. E. Topics and Leaders.

May.

9th—Why I am Proud of My Denomination. Rev. 3: 7-13. (Led by the pastor.)

16th—Why I Believe in Christian Endeavor. 2 Tim. 1: 1-14. President of Society, Evan Williams.

23rd—Religious Reading: What and Why. Ps. 119: 129-136. Arthur Weiler.

30th—The Call of Foreign Missions for Money, Men and Prayers. (Missionary Committee.)

June.

6th—Body Under, Lord on Top. 1 Cor. 24-27. George Shiffer.

13th—Christ's Call to the Young of Today. Mark 1: 16-20. (Led by three young men.) Ernest Baumgartner, Clarence Aiken, Evan Williams.

20th—Christ's Call to the Young Women of Today. Luke 10: 38-42. The Progetta Class.

27th—Song and its Meaning. Ps. 33: 1-5. An evening of hymns and comments. Music Committee.

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